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In re Patent Application of:

BECKER *et al.*

Serial No. 09/523,237

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For: KITS FOR AMPLIFYING TARGET
NUCLEIC ACIDS USING MODIFIED
PRIMERS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's non-final Office Action mailed on January 18, 2001,
kindly enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks in connection with the
above-captioned application.

Amendments

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, lines 14-15, of the specification with --

Figures 1A-C provide the IUPAC nomenclature for a sampling of acridinium esters that may be used
as detectable chemiluminescent labels in the present disclosure.--

Remarks

Claims 422-441 are presently pending in the subject application.

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the above amendment and the following
remarks are respectfully requested.